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## Mexico Announces the Second and Last Auction for Import Permits of Dry Beans

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**Report Highlights:**

On April 30, 2004, Mexico's Secretariat of Economy (SE) announced that on June 1, 2004, it will conduct the second and last auction to import 44,797.49 MT of U.S. edible dry beans (HS 0713.33.02, 0713.33.03, and 0713.33.99). The stated quantity represents two-thirds of the total NAFTA tariff-rate quota (TRQ) for CY 2004. The first one-third of the CY 2004 TRQ was allocated on April 2, 2004. (See MX4034)

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Includes PSD Changes: No  
Includes Trade Matrix: No  
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**Introduction:** This report summarizes an announcement published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on April 30, 2004.

**Disclaimer:** This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

**FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary:** On April 30, 2004, the Mexican government published in the *Diario Oficial* (Federal Register) the Secretariat of Economy's (SE) announcement that on June 1, 2004, it will conduct the second and last auction of the NAFTA Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) imports permits for 44,797.49 MT of U.S. dry edible beans (except for planting), in lots of no more than 8,959.49 MT. Auction participation is limited to traders and packers in operation for at least one year as well the dry bean growers' companies (called Integrator Companies). The auction itself will be conducted at SE in Mexico City at 10:30 a.m. on June 1, 2004.

Previously, on April 5, 2004, SE announced the NAFTA TRQ the first auction of the NAFTA Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) imports permits for 22,398.746 MT of U.S. dry edible beans, which represents one-third of the NAFTA quota (See MX4034). Under NAFTA, Mexico's minimum access obligation for U.S. dry edible bean in 2004 is a tariff rate quota of 67,196.239 MT. The remaining two thirds of the NAFTA TRQ will be allocated on the above-mentioned date. Dry beans imported above this TRQ are subject to the 2004 NAFTA duty of 46.9 percent (see MX 4003).

Following are the auction details as contained in the *Diario Oficial* announcement:

Auction Number	Tariff Number	Product	Country	Unit	Auction Quantity (Kilograms)	Maximum auction amount per participant	Auction Date/ Time
018/2004	0713.33.02 0713.33.03 0713.33.99	Beans, except for planting	United States of America	Kg.	44,797,493	8,959,499	June 1, 2004. 10:30 a.m.

Auction information and documents may be picked up by interested parties beginning on May 7, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in all SE offices throughout the country.

Sealed bids will be accepted starting 1 ½ hours before auction time. The auction itself will be conducted at the date and time indicated above in the "Exportadores" Room of SE at the following address:

Insurgentes Sur 1940  
Planta Baja  
Colonia Florida  
Delegacion Alvaro Obregon  
C.P. 01030  
Mexico, D.F.